REMARKS

Applicants hereby amend Claims 3-5 and 8-11, in order to further the prosecution of the present application and Applicants' business interests, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the original, similar, or broader claims in one or more future application(s). In particular, Applicants have amended the dependency of the claims and have amended the Specification to recite the priority claim and to refine the English translation of the original Japanese text. The amendments do not introduce new matter. If there are any questions regarding the amendments, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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